

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of abuse of power. Sinclair is providing a strong argument for those against any media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get their agenda rather than what fosters our democracy. Moreover, going for the "bottom line" is turning out to be a destructive force. We need news from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter - not corporate news that pushes their political views on us.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.